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PHASE-CHANGE TYPE OPTICAL INFORMATION RECORDING MEDIUM  
Title of Invention

APPLICATION ELEMENTS ENCLOSED:

1.  Specification (total pages 27) including:
  - a. 3 pages of claims (8 claims)
  - b. 1 page Abstract
2.  2 sheets of informal  formal drawings (Figs. 1-5)
3.  Oath or declaration of Applicant(s) (   total pages)
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4.  Deletion of Inventor(s)  
Signed statement attached deleting inventor(s) named in the prior application, see 37 CFR 1.63(d)(2) and 1.33(b)
5.  Incorporation By Reference  
The entire disclosure of the prior application, from which a copy of the oath or declaration is supplied in item 3b is considered as being part of the disclosure of the accompanying application and is hereby incorporated by reference therein.
6.  Microfiche Computer Program (Appendix)

APPLICATION PARTS ENCLOSED:

7.  An assignment of the invention to Ricoh Company, Ltd. (cover sheet & document(s))
8.  37 CFR 3.73(b) Statement (*when there is an assignee*)
9.  Power of Attorney
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